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1. Between 1 and 3 p.m. on 7 March 1952, single-engine ground attack aircraft, which had probably taken off from Arado airfield, were observed over Brandenburg. Two of the planes were marked by red propeller hubs. *

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2. Between 1 and 4 p.m. on 1 March, 36 single-engine planes and 4 biplanes were parked at Brandenburg-Arado airfield. There was no flying. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 3 March, there was flying by biplanes. The weather was hazy, and visibility was from three to four km. On 10 March, aircraft were parked in front of the buildings at the eastern edge of the installation. About 7:15 p.m., four single-engine planes were being towed to the south side of the field. A radio truck and an ambulance entered the installation. Between 8:30 and 10 a.m., biplanes made individual flights in fair weather. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., some single-engine planes were observed towing air sleeves while others practiced flying in a formation of five. Firing practices were not observed. About 2 a.m. on 14 March, a single-engine plane towing an air sleeve and two groups of five single-engine planes took off heading west. They returned in about 35 minutes and landed after simulating individual low-level attacks at the field from an altitude of about 550 meters. The weather was clear and visibility good. A formation of eight aircraft and a formation of 12 planes were observed making flights of about 40 minutes duration. Some of the planes fired at the area west of the field.

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* Comment. It is believed that the propeller hubs of the aircraft of the same squadron are marked by the same color. Four different colored propeller hubs have so far been observed with ground attack regiments.

** Comment. The report indicates that the field is still occupied by one ground attack regiment. It is believed that some of the IL-10s stationed at the Brandenburg-Arado airfield were parked in hangars during the various times of observation. According to available information, the regiment in Brandenburg is equipped with a total of about 60 planes. There are no indications that the aircraft strength of the unit is to be changed.

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